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THE TEA PARTY LEADERSHIP FUND
203 S. UNION ST. SUITE 300
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Response Due Date

12/28/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00520825

REFERENCE: AMENDED MID-YEAR REPORT (01/01/2015 - 06/30/2015), RECEIVED
10/02/2015

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule B of your report discloses earmarked contributions totaling \$9,166.20, with no corresponding entries on Schedule A. Pursuant to 11 CFR §110.6(c), all earmarked contributions, that have passed through a conduit's account, must be itemized on the receipt (Schedule A) and disbursement (Schedule B) schedules, regardless of the amount. All earmarked contributions that have been forwarded in the form of the contributor's check or written instrument must be itemized as memo entries on the receipt (Schedule A) and disbursement (Schedule B) schedules, regardless of the amount. Please identify the original contributors for the earmarked contributions disclosed on Schedule B.

- Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Advertising Fees", "Direct Mail Consulting and Production", "Media Services", "Outbound Telephone Messaging and Caging Services", "Postage and Mailing Fees", "Postage for Direct Mailing", and "Radio Production and Media Buy." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that

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candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

- Commission records indicate that your official address is different from the address disclosed on the Summary Page of this report. If your committee has changed its address, please disclose the new address on an amended Statement of Organization or check the address-change box on the Summary Page of your report to indicate an address change. Please provide clarifying information regarding this discrepancy.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,



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Reports Analysis Division